As a person who drives as part of my job and lives in the Southern California area, the traffic reports that I recieve from my XM radio are invaluable. They are far more indepth than the average traffic report and more frequent. I have really been saved on multiple occassions. I cannot count the times that I have been in terrible traffic and the AM stations do not have anything to say about it. XM radio, however, will address the time it will take to travel a certain distance due to slowing or accidents.

If it is competition you are afraid of, I say that is Un-American. This country was built on the principle of a free market economy and competition in the market place to give the consumer options and often this results in higher quality and better standards.

As a person who spends a great deal of time in her car, I have opted to pay for my radio service. The level of programming in the LA area is sub par and that is what should really change! I gladly pay for my XM radio and thus am entitled to recieve the traffic and weather channels.

Thank you,

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